



Situation Report 02

Jammu & Kashmir Flood and Landslide

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Time: 11:00 AM



SITUATION UPDATE

- Jammu and Kashmir is experiencing one of its most devastating natural disasters in recent decades, with severe flash floods and landslides triggered by record-breaking rainfall between August 26-28, 2025.
- The disaster began on August 26 at 8:30 AM when unprecedented rainfall commenced across the region. Within 24 hours, Jammu recorded 296 mm of rainfall, shattering a 50-year meteorological record and causing catastrophic flooding and landslides across multiple districts.
- The disaster has resulted in significant human casualties with official reports confirming more than 36 deaths, though some sources indicate the death toll may be as high as 60 fatalities across the affected regions
- The most severely affected areas include Jammu, Samba, Katra, Peerkho, and Nikki Tawi, all classified as high-severity zones, while Doda district faces mid-level severity impacts.
- Critical infrastructure has been severely compromised, with the Fourth Tawi Bridge in Jammu collapsing completely, stranding vehicles and significantly hampering rescue operations. Entire residential neighborhoods in Peerkho and Nikki Tawi have been completely washed away by the torrential floodwaters.
- Relief camps established at multiple locations; Youth Hostel, Jammu serving as a major temporary shelter; community kitchens at Muthi & Satwari; medical teams at camps.
- The deluge is not localized—this marks the third major rain-induced disaster in just ten days, including previous cloudbursts in Kishtwar and Kathua.
- On August 14, a massive cloudburst hit the Chashoti village in the Padder subdivision of Kishtwar district. 67 casualties reported, and over 100 people were rescued in the cloudburst disaster. In another incident on August 17, at least four people were killed and many others were injured after a cloudburst hit Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district.
- Entire residential areas in Peerkho and Nikki Tawi have been completely destroyed by floodwaters, displacing hundreds of families and causing immeasurable property losses
- The pilgrimage route to Vaishno Devi in Katra has been particularly devastated, with a major landslide claiming 34 pilgrim lives and effectively cutting off access to one of India's most important religious sites.
- Over 5,000 people have been evacuated from flood-affected low-lying areas across Jammu and Samba districts, with rescue operations continuing around the clock.
- Essential services including water supply, electricity, and internet connectivity have been severely disrupted across the affected regions.
- Educational institutions throughout Jammu and Kashmir have been closed as a precautionary measure due to ongoing adverse weather conditions.
- The situation remains critical with authorities declaring the next 24 hours crucial for flood management and rescue operations. Weather forecasts indicate continued risk of heavy rainfall, potentially exacerbating the already dire situation and complicating ongoing relief efforts.
- IMD predicted continuous and isolated heavy rainfall likely over; Jammu & Kashmir, and Punjab on 29th and 30th August.

Statistical Overview



Districts Affected:
Jammu, Kishtwar, Reasi, Doda, Anantnag, Srinagar



Population Affected:
10,000 +



Casualties:
~ 60 +



House Damaged: Entire residential areas washed away in Peerkho and Nikki Tawi



- The power sector has been severely compromised with widespread electricity outages affecting essential services, hospitals, and communication networks across the region.
- Water supply systems have been disrupted, creating immediate public health concerns and complicating relief distribution efforts.
- The telecommunications infrastructure has suffered significant damage, hampering coordination between rescue teams and affected populations.
- Economic impacts are substantial, with the closure of the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage route alone representing millions in lost tourism revenue during peak season.
- Agricultural areas have been inundated, threatening food security and farmer livelihoods. The educational sector faces prolonged disruption with all schools and colleges closed indefinitely.
- Transportation networks beyond the collapsed bridge include multiple highway closures and route blockages due to landslides and flooding.
- The Northern Railways ordered the cancellation of 58 trains to and from Jammu and Katra stations, while 64 trains were short-terminated or short-originated at various stations in the division.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- The Government of India has activated comprehensive disaster response mechanisms at central, state, and district levels to address the crisis.
- The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has been deployed extensively across affected areas, working in coordination with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to conduct search and rescue operations.
- The Indian Army has been mobilized to support civilian authorities, providing critical manpower and specialized equipment for rescue operations in difficult terrain.
- J&K has announced ₹6 lakh ex-gratia for the families of victims from recent landslides and floods. Compensation includes ₹1 lakh for severely injured and ₹50,000 for minor injuries, along with a ₹10 crore advance for immediate relief needs.
- Local district administrations in Jammu, Samba, Doda, and Katra have established emergency operation centers to coordinate relief efforts and maintain communication with affected populations.
- The Jammu and Kashmir administration has implemented immediate evacuation protocols, successfully relocating over 5,000 people from high-risk flood-prone areas to safer locations and temporary shelters. Emergency services have prioritized the restoration of essential utilities, with dedicated teams working to restore electricity supply, water distribution systems, and telecommunications infrastructure.
- The state government has ordered the closure of all educational institutions as a precautionary measure, demonstrating proactive risk management.
- Chief Minister has been actively monitoring the situation and has publicly acknowledged systemic failures in flood mitigation infrastructure, calling for comprehensive reviews of disaster preparedness protocols.
- The government has established multiple relief camps and distribution centers for evacuated populations, ensuring access to food, water, medical care, and temporary accommodation.



Jammu and Kashmir floods and rescue operation | Source: Media



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- Sphere India facilitated an emergency coordination meeting on 28th August 2025 to review situation updates and collective actions. Decision taken to disseminate IEC materials for circulation among volunteers, Agreed to release and circulate an Appeal with an *Expression of Solidarity* for the lives lost in the floods, and Initiated steps to activate the Unified Response Strategy (URS) for coordinated action.
- State Inter Agency Group (IAG) is working in close coordination with district authorities and members, ensuring smooth facilitation of relief activities and field-level support.
- ELFA International, with the support of Donatekart and Amazon, successfully disseminated the first round of relief kits, including 250 shelter-cum-hygiene kits, 250 ration kits, and 250 blankets, in the affected regions of Kathua district, addressing the urgent humanitarian needs of flood-impacted communities

EMERGING NEEDS

Jammu, Sambha, Kathua:

- Ration Kits, Ready-to-Eat Food, Drinking Water
- Hygiene Kits
- Blankets / Winter Kits
- Raincoats
- Prefabricated structures (Kathua)
- Reconstruction and Rehabilitation support



Source of Information

Media, Social Media, Sphere India WhatsApp Group

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